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PGDip / MSc

HOUSING STUDIES (WITH INTERNSHIP)
The professionally orientated Postgraduate Diploma and Masters in Housing Studies with internship offers a unique combination of academic study and professional work experience for those seeking to enter a career in housing.

The course covers all aspects of housing services, sustaining communities, governance and law, housing organisations and health and well-being. It will also provide you with a comprehensive academic and professional qualification with structured work experience and upon completion, offer you a direct route into employment in the housing sector.

The Chartered Institute of Housing is the professional body for housing and validates the Stirling course. On successful completion of the Diploma, you will have satisfied the requirements for corporate membership of the Chartered Institute of Housing.

On completion of the Diploma you will also be able to register for further study towards a Master’s of Science degree (MSc). This will require completion of either a research-based dissertation of advanced level reflexive skills.

Industry connections
Through student membership of the Chartered Institute of Housing, you will have access to information and news about housing organisations across Scotland as well as being able to attend major conferences in the sector.

A very substantial number of housing organisations across Scotland support student internships and sponsor their staff to undertake the Housing Studies course at Stirling. Teaching staff also work with organisations across the country in their research activities.

For further information on course content visit: http://stir.ac.uk/y
Is an MSc in Housing Studies for me?

A distinctive feature of the course is the freedom we offer you in our delivery. You are able to opt for part-time or full-time study and delivery is mainly conducted through Succeed, the online learning system used by the University of Stirling. There is an on-campus induction and subsequent campus days at the start of each module to keep you in touch with tutors and fellow learners. Weekly online sessions allow you to study flexibly while still benefiting from tutor and peer learning support ensuring that you can fit your studies alongside your personal and professional life.

“I wanted to complement and enhance my understanding of housing to the betterment of myself and my organisation.

The Postgraduate Diploma offers those of us working in this profession the opportunity to advance our knowledge and skills.”

Doug Webster
Student ambassador
FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS COURSE

1. On successful completion of the Diploma or Masters, you will have satisfied the requirements for corporate membership of the Chartered Institute of Housing, recognised throughout the UK.

2. Our Housing Studies graduates acquire the cutting-edge knowledge and competencies needed to tackle issues in housing and homelessness in Scotland and throughout the UK. Those who choose the internship option gain valuable work experience in the housing sector.

3. The programmes available are designed to suit those who are new to the housing sector alongside those who are already employed within it. Our modules aim to empower you to take charge of your learning, pursue your own interests and make an impact within the housing sector.

4. You will be taught by a team of academics with extensive experience in the housing sector and world-class research records.

5. We provide a cost effective opportunity to gain a postgraduate qualification in Housing, both at Diploma and Masters level. The programme follows a structured route of learning but flexibility and choice are afforded to students; and to employers who wish to sponsor their employees.
You will be introduced to the most up-to-date ideas and debates in housing and offered the opportunity to learn about the cutting edge of housing practice. This course blends sessions on campus with a significant element of online study giving you the ideal learning experience in a format which is accessible and engaging.

**Structure and content**
The Postgraduate Diploma is taught over 12 months full-time or alternatively over 21 months part-time, with the professional practice element (internship) running from June to September.

You will study six academic modules: Providing Housing Services; Sustainable Communities; Housing Governance; Housing Finance and Strategy; Healthy Housing; Organisational Behaviour.

**Professional Practice**
The course also includes a module on reflective practice, preparation for professional practice and attachment to a social landlord to facilitate workplace learning. These precede an internship of at least 10 weeks, full-time work experience, linked to the practical requirements of the Chartered Institute of Housing. Workplace attachments and internships are arranged by tutors, taking account of student preferences and interests.

**Key Teaching Staff**
Our staff group comprehensively covers the multi-disciplinary nature of housing, research, policy and practice the University of Stirling is in an excellent position to provide you with the skill sets required to make good a career in a highly competitive age. Our research-led teaching draws on our specialist expertise in policy analysis, homelessness and housing rights, social theory, housing and land market analysis.

University courses, services and procedures are continually reviewed, enhanced and revised, and this may result in some changes between the time of publication and the date when the student enters the University. Where any changes will affect an applicant, the University will keep the applicant fully informed.
**Entrance Requirements**

Usually a minimum of a second class Honours degree (2.1 preferred) in a relevant subject. Applicants without these formal qualifications but with relevant work or voluntary experience, an understanding of the importance of housing in society, and a commitment to improved housing for all are also encouraged to apply.

**Exit Points**

Students may build up to the full Masters (MSc) of 180 credits in stages, or exit at any stage and receive an award.

**Scholarships and Funding**

Details of tuition fees can be found at: [http://stir.ac.uk/1aj](http://stir.ac.uk/1aj)

For Scottish students and EU domiciled students, this course is currently approved for PTFL (Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan) funding from SAAS.

You can find up to date financial information and funding opportunities here: [www.stir.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.stir.ac.uk/scholarships)

Tuition fees and other associated expenses are normally met by sponsoring employers. Students and employers may wish to take into account other costs in budgeting for the course such as: book purchase and travelling expenses and costs of accommodation for visits to campus.

Students who pay their own fees may be entitled to claim tax relief on fees or receive support with fee payment from an Individual Learning Account. [https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/learn-and-train/sds-individual-learning-accounts-ila](https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/learn-and-train/sds-individual-learning-accounts-ila)

**Language Requirements**

If English is not your first language, you must provide evidence of your proficiency such as a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in speaking and listening; 6.5 in reading & writing).

If you do not meet the required score, you may be able to register for one of our pre-sessional English courses.

To register you must hold a conditional offer for your course and have an IELTS score 0.5 or 1.0 below the required standard.

For more information, go to: [http://stir.ac.uk/1ae](http://stir.ac.uk/1ae)

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